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GENEVA PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, LI

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT

REF: MONROVIA 4965

1. IN THE FLURRY OF RECENT COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING BOTH THE CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT AND THE PROPOSED GIFT TO THE GOL FOR THE OAU MEETING IT APPEARS THAT SOME LOOSE ENDS HAVE DEVELOPED. IN PARTICULAR, THE FINAL SENTENCE OF REFTEL HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED, SO FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BE OF THE OPINION THAT THE GOL WILL QUERY US AS TO WHAT THE PRESIDENT INTENDED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT, AND THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKING US FOR EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE NASA PROJECT CAN DO FOR THEM (PARA 3 OF THE LETTER). WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY ON THESE TWO POINTS.

3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONVENIENCE, PARAS 3 AND 4 OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER ARE REPEATED:

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BEGIN QUOTE

3. ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM, I HAVE ASKED OUR AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION TO SEE WHETHER OUR SPACE CAPABILITY COULD BE OF BENEFIT TO LIBERIA. THEY HAVE RECOMMEND TO ME THAT WE UNDERTAKE A TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL USE

OF SATELLITE IMAGERY IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND WEATHER PREDICTION. AMBASSADOR CARTER IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES IN ARRANGING SUCH A SURVEY, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

4. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE DESIRES YOU EXPRESSED TO BRING MORE OF THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT TO ALL LIBERIANS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DO THIS IS TO PROVIDE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR LIBERIANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO ACQUIRE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD PERMIT THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES AND, AT THE SAME TIME, PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. END QUOTE.

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